

Bacchus Bountie.

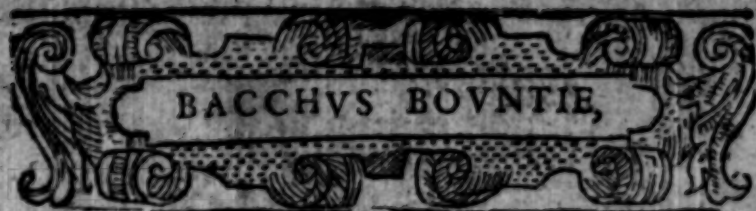
sently heroused by his moystly head, and from a muddie miste so cleared by his cherilike countenance, that the maiestie of his nose seemed as the beames of the sunne shining along throughout the coastes of Archadie. But missing the sight of him whom he lately heard, forthwith he tumbled vpon his tunne, and standing bolt vpight, through the merueilous influence which to him was imparted by Euriopazeus; he saw Tom Tiplay in an exceeding quandary, in so much that Bacchus for very pittie, through the might of his deitie, so curiously soared through the airie region, that in a moment he descried this perplexed Tapster, and drawing nere him, he hailed him after this maner.

Whereas (my friend) thy groanes are so great and grievous, that they haue ascended the highest cloudes, which cry out in thy behalfe for my accustomed clemency, and pierced with all into my bountifull tunne, which now troubled with the sharpnes of thy speech, threatens out a danger to her former swauntie: behold Bacchus, Bacchus I say, thy best beloued god, ready prest to performe what thou art willing to demaunde.

Say on therefore boldly and feare not: and withall know this, that Bacchus hath not only a care to keepe his clients in safety, but great cause (no doubt) to prelerue them in felicity: for who is he that hath euer heard, much lesse seene, that any of the gods, at any time so tended the welfare of their suppliants, as from age to age, both dayly and hourly been seene in me. The tyrannie of Iupiter is testified by his threatening thunderbolte: the malice of Mars is expressed by his bloody blade. The outrage of Pallas is dissembled by the booke; but euidently perceived by the piercing launce. The boyles of Pan are performed by the croke. The furie of Syluanus is knowne by the Clubbe: the dismall decrees of Diana are noted by her darts, and to be brieft, all the other gods and goddesses, Hercules like are cloyed with such cholericke clubbs; that their mouthes taste nothing sauing wordes of wrath, and their deeds seeme vndecent, vntill they smel of reuenge.

But Bacchus that braue god, whom thou seest here present,

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Describing the debonaire dietie of his
bountifull godhead, in the royall obseruance
of his great feast of Pentecost.

Necessarie to be read and marked of all, for
the eschuing of like enormities.

Facundi calices quem non fecere disertum?

By Philip Foulface of Ale-soord, Rudent
in good fellowship.



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To the right worthie, and renowned
Roister, Sir Richard Swash, Lorde and Master
on mount Maluorn, cheefe controller on Salisburie
plaine, keeper of *Accounts in the Cart-way*, cheefe Foster in
the forest of Dalamere, high Generall of the Downes, Baron
of Birlip hill, Sergeant of the Shoares and Sea side, and
Vicar of the Vallies: your dayly Orator *Philip Foul-*
face, wisheth all health, wealth, might, long
life, and prosperous successe, in all
your affaires and enterpri-
ses where so euer.



Hen *Iupiters* head was great with
childe, and the time of trauaile nere
at hand: he skorning to complaine,
yet put to his shifts, was faine to
send for *Vulcan* the Smith, to craise
his crowne with a downedriuing
blow; not only to cause the swell-
ling to cease, but also to prouide
passage for the birth of his babe. Which thing when
Vulcan had performed in giuing him a sound pat on the
pate, out start *Pallas* at the opening of his head, and dan-
ced before him so maiden-like, that the present sight so
pleasant, expelled all former paines in the birth. Euen so
(most worthie sir) when the confused Chaos of this mat-
ter following, was first inhabitant in my witleffe head:
then feared I no such swellings, as since I did feele, nor re-
garded those throwes, which now are ouerpast. Neuer-

thelesse, when my braines fell to their busines, and began
to beate as tho my head had been ready to burst, disdain-
ning withall the help of mother *Crackart* the Midwife;
Iuno Lucina was as deafe as a dishclout, so that *Volens
nolens* I betooke my selfe to the hearbe *Hellebore*, whose
pleasant operation produced so present a-purgation, that
forthwith there followed a most speedie deliuerance, ex-
cluding cares, renewing ioy. This young impet thus borne,
being brought to the font, was named *Bacchus Bonny*.
Which *Bounty* I willingly offer vnto your worthines;
doubting not at all, but that you will highly accept of
him; not only because he is a bonny boy, and the gift of
a welwiller: but also because hee was begot by *Bacchus*
your welbeloued friend; conceaued by me, & nourished
euer since with the iuice of the grape. From *Ale-foorde*
this 9. of December. Anno Dom. 1592.

Bounden to yourignes,
Philip Foulface.



Philip Foulface to the
courteous Reader.



*O many men (some say) so many mindes,
The brauest Gnatho cannot but offend :
Mens mindes doe wauer like vnconstant windes,
Hard then sometimes to please our dearest friend.
Some hungrie curre may bark aboue the rest,
But please, or displease, I haue done my best.*

*He that delights to heare of mortall warres
Is too auisere to reade this little booke :
But he that ioyes to heare of good ale iarres,
I licence him with leane herein to looke.
Here (gentle reader) maieſt thou finde great sport
To ease thy cares, if hitber thou resort.*

*And welcome all, which reade and meane none ill,
No further ill than I, and welcome all :
A mery minde to mirth enclineth still
If waightie causes doe not backward call.
Be mery then : reade here, and doe not spare,
And welcome still : here is no better fare.*

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Philip Foulface.

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Quint. Allicit externas præsuaui nectare gentes.

Polit. ————— non mollia pleno

Desunt vinacado.



The groutheaded Græcians, especiallie the
annointed Achiues, I meane the Bezila-
dittes, those deuout doctors of Lob libers
carme, these (I say) with their knightlike
crue, thought it an high assumption to be
as fathers in a frolicke feast, or as base
bozne brothers, in bickering with the
broth of bountifull Bacchus. Which

coppernosed crue, the knuckledebunions of Rome, so assaul-
ted with a fresh Canuazado the citie of Vinosa, that the ala-
rum of the Romans brake Nectars necke, head, and shoulders;
in so much that Vesta in great outrage rushed out of a rocke,
and dedicated to sweet father Bacchus as Crimson a colour as
was then sene in her péeceles peticote, most fragrantlie su-
ming by vnto Bacchus; and like wise into the nostrills of all
his nosled nouises wheresoever.

This newfound Sacrifice in this sort offered to this bur-
sten-bellied God; lent such a sweet sent to the rest of the gods
and goddesses, especiallly to platter-faced Iupiter, that present-
ly he appeased their furie, mitigated the afoze offered iniurie,
renewed

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renued Nectar to former tollitie, & sent out *Mercurie* as Ambassadour, to parle with *Neptune* rector of the Seas; that *Triton* his trustie trumpeter should sound along from shoare to shoare throughout the whole worlde the blessed bountie of *Bacchus*.

Mercury discharging himselfe, and *Triton* by commaundement of his king, tied to the aforesaid chardge, with clattering clang he thundred out such ioyfull newes, that not only mount *AEtna* yeelded forth fierie flames in signification of sodaine ioyes: but also *Olympus* merily mounted, in hope that *Permessus* that pleasant spring, should bee somewhat tainted with the sweet taste of so louely a liquoz.

The decreed tidings of *Iupiter* are worde by worde in effect as followe.

Pass *Mercury* to *Neptunes* brinish bowers,
My wish, my will, in hast to him vnfolde;
Let *Triton* scale those hieft fleeting towers,
In *Bacchus* praise let all his tale be tolde.
Let him commaund, the *Curiss* change their liues,
In vaine strives he, with *Bacchus* brood which strives.

The *Bacchanals* hence forth shall beare the sway
With help of *Hypocrites* they shall doe well,
This gift I giue, it shall be as I say,
Their forwardnes in fraies shall beare the bell,
I giue them right to sweare it out with wordes,
I giue them might to swash it out with swordes.

I will that these the auncient order holde,
Th' order of knighthood neuerto decay:
The greatest soakers shalbe least controulde,
Each *Tyro* shall of *Nectar* make his pray:
And whose conceits *God Bacchus* deemes the best,
Shall haue a rich reward about the rest.

Come

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Come *Ganimedes*, come with christall cups,
Some nappie *Nectar* bring me here in place,
Accurst be he which *Nectar* only sups,
And turns not ouer pot by pot apace.
Accurst be he which after *Ceres* gapes,
And shunnes to sucke the sugred sappe of grapes.

In grieve liue they with carkes of cares opprest,
Which leaue their liquor and away depart,
Till *Bacchus* haue them crowned with his crest,
Whose force expelles all sorrowes from the hart.
With *Vinat* *Bacchus*, let the *Ocean* ring
The same let *Africk*, *Asia*, and *Europe* sing.

Now *Eccho*, the babbling nymph at the sound of *Tritō*, ha-
uing intelligence hereof; resounded this decree so mightilie
towards the maine, that it easily entred into the hearing of
all the inhabitants in euery hauen. And euen as at the bello-
wing of the bonnie white *Bul*, the ardent heates of *Pasiphaë*
were more & more increased; in so much that one hoine of his
head, was more precious in her precise imagination, then all
her former sacrifices dedicated as dainties to delectable *Dia-*
na: euen so as soone as the hyute of most bountifull *Bacchus*
was blazed abroad, *Tom Typsay*, an english tapster, wel nere
choaked with a marueilous drie heat, which he of late had got
by lifting ouerlong at old mother *Redcaps*; this *Tom Typsay*,
I say, with a wel tried tankard trailing at his taile: the more
he thought of *Bacchus* bountie, the more he desired to trie the
experience: and the further hee laboured after his liking; the
longer he lusted after his liquor: withing at euery scote, the
wozthie presence of so gracious a God.

Thus *Tom Typsay*, not only in hope to tipples with the best,
but trusting to merite a further rewarde: fell flat downe on
both his maribones, holding vp his hands on hie towarde
the heauens, and made his *Orison* to the renoumed god *Bac-*
chus, as hereafter folloeweth.

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BOnny *Bacchus* God of wines,
Cheefe maintainer of our vines,
Sucker the soule, in greefe which pines,
Water to drinke, I hold not good,
Thy iuice oh *Bacchus* breeds best blood.
Nectar (good *Bacchus*) *Nectar* send,
Braue *Bacchus* doe thy bounty lend:
Vnto *Tom Tysay* stand a friend,
And so thy fame shall neuer ende.
Nectar, sweet *Nectar*, is my wish,
Behold my tankard, and my dish,
As for my plate I haue it solde,
And for pure broath my money tolde;
Yet once againe let me beholde,
Euery morning warme or colde,
Nappic liquor stout and bolde
Commended and boasted
In a pot trimly toasted,
The pots feet finely roasted
In a worthie fire.
And first of all for my part,
To besiege and sacke the quarte
Till it warme me well at hart,
And then doe it feele
Sincke downe into my heele:
And so next to take the paines
To passe vpward through the vaines,
And soake withall into these braines,
Which wiles now alas remains
For want of good liquor.

So carle had he ended this his petitory prattle, but *Bacchus* as willing to lend him a longeare to heare, as hee to open a wide mouth to aske: and as desirous to fetch him in for a sot man, as to turne him off his trulle, & as ready to feed him as fat as a sole, as to teach him the tricks to lyme the gale: presently

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sently herouſed by his moſty head, and from a muddie miſe ſo cleared by his cherilike countenance, that the maieltie of his noſe ſeemed as the beames of the ſunne ſhining along throughout the coaſtes of Archadie. But miſſing the ſight of him whom he lately heard, ſoꝛthwith he tumbled upon his tunne, and ſtanding bolt byꝛight, thꝛough the merueilous influence which to him was imparted by Euriopazeus; he ſaw Tom Tipſay in an exceeding quandary, in ſo much that Bacchus ſoꝛ very pittie, thꝛough the might of his deitie, ſo curioſly ſoared thꝛough the airie region, that in a moment he deſcried this perplered Tꝛaſter, and drawing nere him, he hailed him after this maner.

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Say on therẽfoꝛe boldly and feare not: and withall know this, that Bacchus hath not only a care to keepe his clients in ſafety, but great cauſe (no doubt) to preſerue them in felicity: ſoꝛ who is he that hath euer heard, much leſſe ſeene, that any of the gods, at any time ſo tended the welfare of their ſuppliants, as from age to age, both dayly and hourly been ſeene in me. The tyꝛannie of Iupiter is teſtified by his thꝛeatning thunderbolte: the malice of Mars is expreſſed by his bloody blade. The outrage of Pallas is diſſembled by the booke; but euidently perceined by the piercing launce. The broyles of Pan are perfoꝛmed by the cꝛowke. The furie of Syluanus is knowne by the Clubbe: the diſmall decrees of Diana are noted by her barten, and to be bꝛiefe, all the other gods and goddeſſes, Hercules like are cloyed with ſuch cholericke clubbs; that their mouthes taſte nothing ſauing woꝛdes of wrath, and their deeds ſeeme vndercent, vneleſſe they ſmel of reuenge.

Wnt Bacchus that bꝛaue god, whom thou ſeeſt here preſent,

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abhorreth that his wightes should bee wearied with the weight of such vnweildie weapons. No, no, I beare (as thou maiest see) a beautifull bzaunch of goodly grapes in token of ioy & gladnes: whereas the terrour of other gods, to the griefe of many, doth prognosticate sorrow and sadnes.

Now therefore Tapster, if thou wilt be as readie to make trial of my bountie, as I willing to inuite thee to my banquet; beholde, Whitson-wa ke is nere at hand, then are my feasts called Bacchanalia; then resort together the whole band of Bacchus in their chiefeest bzauerie, amongst whom (if it so please thee) thou shalt be entertained as a guest most welcom to Bacchus.

Tom Typsay hearing so courteous a discourse, as a man marueilously amazed for ioy, stood a long time staring in Bacchus face, not able wther soule (as then) to make a reply. But Bacchus, a perfect phisitian willing to p^{re}serue his patient in so pitifull a plight, reuiued his spirites with the sweet moisture of his tunne, and refreshed his braines with the iuice of his grapes. Hereat Tom Typsay awaking as it were from a drouisie slumber, yelded to his god Bacchus a tub full of thanks, and promised at the time appointed to bee there with the first. Yet because hee knew not the place, hee demanded of him thus.

With your worships godhead hath vouchsafed to commaund my companie to so famous a feast; let it not displease your maiestie to put me in memorie of the place: else by the masse, I promise you, I feare mee, I shall neuer finde out your honours house; I pray you sir how do you call it?

To resolute this doubt (quoth Bacchus) vnderstand therefore, that my mansion house is called Alepotto, scituat on the south side of Quaffington, enquire for mee at the signe of the scarlet nose, and from thence shalt thou bee set aright into Beerebury lane, so that being there, thou canst not misse to finde out my palace, for thou shalt plainly see it before thine eyes.

Hereat

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Hereat Tom Typsay made a long legge, bowing to bee there without faile, and Bacchus willing to dismisſe him, bleſſed the Tapſters tankard with part of his bountie, and thereupon departed.

Thus the Tapſter in great haſte hies him home as mery as any hare in the moneth of March. For whereas beſore this ſo comfortable a conference, hee was ſo lazie, that euer ſote ſeemed to haue a leaden heele: euerie legge in ſuch a quandarie, as though they had tooke ſome new acquaintance with the gout; yea his very head ſo heauie, as if it had bene harnelleſſed in an horſe-nightcap: and his whole bodie ſo diſtempered, as though he had bene prickt to the very heart with a belclapper: beholde, now the caſe is altred, and hee is altogether become another man: for now is hee as nimble as a dogs taile, as couragious as a butterflie, and as merrie at the heart, as the beſt paire of bagpipes in all the countrey.

But as times are altred, ſo diuers accidents are inferred. Happie was Midas when it was graunted vnto him, that all which hee touched ſhould bee golde: but ſome haples againe, when his meate was metamorphoſed into metall, and hee with his wiſh ready to ſtarue. Glad was Acteon at the ſight of Diana, when ſhee bathed her ſelfe amongſt her nimphes: but luckles was his lot, when ſhortly after hee became himſelfe a preſent pray to bee deuoured of his owne dogs. And ſoyfull was Tom Typſay in remembzaunce of the bountie of his god Bacchus, but ſorowfull alas at his returne when firſt hee came within the viewe of his wife: for ſhee (as is the manner of all headie buſwines, whole tongues are more readie to rane, than their hands to worke) not ſticking one jot to teache him a new leſſon, tooke him roundly by the topping, and welcomed him home after this maner.

Ab ah ſirra, I ſee by Aſtronomie that the Moone is euen now at full, and the ſigne ſetled luſt in the noſe: in ſo

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much that (as by all mathematicall probabilities I doe con-
lecture) backe and bellie may this yeare both goe bare, so
that there be no want of harnes for the head. Well, well I
need not to tel thee what thou art, the gilding of thy nose suf-
ficiently betrays thy good behanour. In so much that either
Luna hath come downe alone, and in taking thee for her olde
Endimion, hath made thee her newe Moone face : or (as thy
tottering top and fro doth plainly testifie) thou hast had some
long tariance at Simon Soakers house, the coppernose smith,
your euer assured friend. But one thing assure thee, for so am
I certainly perswaded, that as the diuell hath already dub-
bed thee for a drunkard : so hereafter, one time or other, but
neuer too late, Don Tyburne will inuite thee to a liueles feast,
and teach thee the crosse caper in an halfe pennie halter. And
thus in a fustian sume shee flung away.

If true it be, as many report, that a curst queanes tongue
is as sharpe as a razor : experience then proneth, that this
poore shaveling needed no better a barber. How ruer it be, I
will referre it to their rehearsall, which haue had their
crownes smoothed as well with a crabtree combe, as those
which haue tried the sharpnes of the sisers.

But even as the clap of the thunder the greater it is, the
soner it ceaseth : and the blastes of Borcas the more furious
they are, the lesse while is their continuance : so likewise, a
womans mouth the more full it is of wordes, the lesse it is of
force, and soner it wasteth into winde. The falling out of
loners is the renning of loue, and the bitternes of the tongue
is easely seasoned with the sweetnes of the lippes : for what
with pleasing speeches, sweete conceipts, the clinking of the
pot, and the drinking of new Nectar, these two sweete soules
became both as one, and the heate of their former furies were
frozen by as it were into a lake of everlasting lone.

Thus whiles this couple continued in solacing themselves
to their hearts content, behold Whittontide drew on : and to
be brieft, away they both doe walke to the banquet, but be-
cause these guestes were wapped by in their chiefest robes;

it

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it will not be a misse to describe them in their cheefest brauery,
as they passed along on their iorney.

THe Tapsters hat was all in blew
Beseeming well his nut-browne hiew:

His nose was ruddy as I weene

And bending as the Faucons beene.

His thin-set heire along did sit

Which represents a woodcocks wit,

Yet bald withall was *Tipsey* found

With eares side hanging like a hound.

His eyes were fiery on each side

His mouth was open gaping wide,

His lippes great as cable rope,

His teeth white as washt in sope.

A bristled beard did flower his cheekes,

His breath was sweete as vnset leekes.

Vpon his chinne a wart did grow

Bacchus thereby might well him know.

About his neck he wore a ruffe

A quarter long, which was enuffe.

His iacket gray, well fac'd with furre,

His voyce was like a barking curre.

His shoulders did like horseloues stand,

As pillars to vphold his band.

His back was ridged like a boare,

His belly like a tunne before.

There hangs a tap betweene his legs

From whence he turneth soorth his dregg.

On either hand was placde a cuffe,

And brauely was he breecht in buffe.

His legges they were so crooked scene

A yoked hog might run betweene.

One foot was of the largest sice

The other clubbed crabtree wise.

And

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And here described is the guest
Which *Bacchus* bad ynto his feast.

Now as concerning the costly attire of the Tapsters wiffe, because I am in hast at this time, I am rather willing to slip ouer so cumberesome a matter with silence, than to trouble idle heads with matters of so great importance.

As they thus traueled together, at length they obtained their long desired haue, and entered into the Wallace of god *Bacchus*, where they were, so worthily entertained, that the sunne in his midday spheare shining out most brightly, doth scarce halfe represent such glorie, as was by report scene in this feast. For whereas commonly now a daies, wee either inuite them of our acquaintance, or such whose new-found friendship may be as meanes to cure olde soares: this mightie god *Bacchus*, to the wonder of the worlde, inuiteth not onely such as bee his familiars, but men altogether unknowne, as well the poore as the rich.

See then the goodnes of this so gracious a god, al yee, which in the driest drought of summer had rather shroude your throates with a handfull of hemp, then with the expence of an odde Cringlepouch wash your selues within and without, and make your selues as merry as dawes: yea learne yee nig-gards at god *Bacchus* to bee liuely; whose especiall fauour spreads out it selfe so far, that euery nation doth magnifie his name, euery countrey speakes in his commendation and all people paint him out with pen and penill, in so much that Iupiter himselfe doth wonder at his worthines.

But to returne from whence I came, their entertainment I say was such, that they rather thought themselves transported into Paradise that place of pleasure, then remayning in any earthly habitation: for there they saw a royal resort as well of all lands and languages, as of all degrees and callings whatsoener.

There was *Ganimedes* sent from Iupiter, to imploy his seruice at *Bacchus* table, there was halting *Hebe* sent by Iuno to furnish

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furnish this feast with all solemnitie. There was Sylenus, a stately seruitour, waiting at euery winke, & preventing euery want. Pea such was the bounty of Bacchus, that he sent downe to Plutus prince of hell, and craved the company of diners his acquaintance, which Plutus performed accordingly.

Whither rode great Alexander vpon the back of praucing Bucephalus, brauely accompanied with Sardapalus king of Assiria, quene Semiramis and Ninus her sonne, first founders of Babiló.

After these came Claudius Tiberius, the Romanne Emperour, who for the zeale he had to the vintree, was merely termed Caldius Biberius mero: with him came Caligula, Nero, and Helio-gabalus, Anthonie, Cleopatra, and such like.

After these againe came stumbling in blind Homer the greek an poet, and with him came Aristophanes, Menander, & others: and along with these came Virgill, Horace, Ouid, olde father Ennius, Geffrey Chaucer, Lydgate, Anthony Skelton, Will. Elderton, with infinite mo, whose seuerall names to rehearse, were no les labour then to make a moule to pisse ouer Poules, or a louse to leap ouer the high tops of Maluerne hills.

Moreouer after these came young Cicero, who for the large losse that he had in turning downe his liquoz, was called Bicongius; with him came the blockheaded Balatronus, and Vibidius, Mecenas trencher-mates: & that old huddle and twang Aristodemus, the shadow of Saint Socrates.

And Proserpina the infernall quene, willing to honour Bacchus in what she might, releaseth Tantalus from out of the riuer, causeth Syfiphus to cease from his tumbling taske, sets Ixion free from his torture: calls downe Prometheus, and compels the vultures, deuouring his heart, to cease from their pray, and for the time only that Bacchus feast continueth, she doth licence them all to depart.

Glad were they to be released tho but for a time, and glad was Bacchus that it was his lot to welcome such willing guesstes.

As Bacchus was thus most busie amongst his friends, behold a reuerend routs resorted towardst his court with a trumpet before them sounding most melodiously in token of great ioy, for that they were so nere the pleasant paradise of god Bacchus.

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Who they were, from whence they came, and in what manner they appeared in presence, followeth as thus.

First of all came Dauid Drie-throte, from Lesbona in Portugale; in his hand hee held a peece well filld with wine of Canary, which with cap and knee hee presented to god Bacchus, and gaue place to the rest.

Secondly, came Alexander Addlehead, from Dun Baur, a Scot, who offered to his god a dozen of red herrings to season his mouth befoze he sat downe to taste his liquoz.

Thirdly, there skipt in a Spaniard, of the city of Logronio, named Blayner Bloblip, who gratifying his god with two limons, & an orange pill, with a most lowly legge hee leapt aside.

Fourthly, came wallowing in a Germane, borne in Mentz, his name was Gotfrey Grouthead; with him he brought a wallet full of woodcocks heads, the braines thereof tempered with other sauce, is a passing preseruatiue against the ale-passion or paine in the pate.

Fifthly, came posting in one Peers Spendall from Brundisium, an Italian frier, with a pot full of holy water, sprinkling to and fro, and round about him, to driue away the diuell, least hee should chance to come inuisible and deceaue them of their drinke.

The 6. was one Frauncis Franckfellow, a Corinthian in the the coasts of Achaia, with him he brought a box of oyle, that Bacchus therewith might bathe his belly, when it was ready to crack, with licking vp ouerlaushly the small crums that tumbled out of his tunne.

The seuenth was one Simon Swil-kan, he came from Colops a citie in Africa, and presented to Bacchus a buttock of Bacon: which broyled on the coales, and so eaten, will set a man on longing for his liquoz befoze sunne shine, bee the morning neuer so mopsy.

The eight was of Capsa, a towne well knowne in Numidia: his name was Geffery Goolcap, and with him hee brought a night cap for god Bacchus great godhead, least through his hot compotations in the day, his head should crow with cold consumptions in the night.

The 9. was a lolly gentlewoman, named mistris Merigodown,
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He came from Archelais, a citie in Cappadocia, with a fanne of feathers in one hand, and a looking glasse in the other: which both he gaue to Bacchus: the one to gather winde, least his breath shoulde faile him when he blew a long blast in a wine pot: the other to see to his nose, least continuing ouerlong in a fierie colour, it shoulde chance to be changed into a Carbuncle.

The 10. was one Phillip Filpot, brought by in Varica a citie of Iberia, and one of the sect of Saint Sinckator. This Philip was a phisition, and brought to his god Bacchus a certaine potion, merueilous in operation, of which who euer he were that did drinke after hee had beene well whited, by vertue thereof, if hee once were a sleepe, shoulde neuer awake till hee were wiser.

The 11. was a Iewe borne in Ioppa, hee had to name Christopher Crabface, a man famous in Astrologie: hee brought in his hand a Prognostication newly composed, which hee bestowed on god Bacchus. In which booke hee had largely set down diuers detriments accidentall this yeare: Especially this I noted, that many drunkards whiles they looked upwards on high towards the man in the Moone, shall breake their necks downwards below in the bottome of a ditch.

The 12. was Gilbert Goodfellow, from Arbila, an Assyrian: this Gilbert was a butcher, and brought with him an hoggs head, a sheepes tongue, and a calues chauldron; the hoggs head for harnesse against entreatie: the sheepes tongue to temper his owne the better in telling of a true tale, and a calues chauldron to wrap by his noddle, least in the ende of a banquet his inward heate should fume out with a farewell to all good fellowship.

The 13. came from Choka a citie in Arabia, named Nicholas Neuerthriue; hee brought with him a pudding pie, prettie powdered with such hot spices as his countrie plentifully dooth afforde: which beeing once tasted, dooth maruellously encrease a mopsie appetite, which Bacchus receaued very thankfully.

The 14. was called Hodge Heauie-breech, hee came frome Miserga a citie in the confines of Persia: Hodge by his
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occupation was a Cardmaker, who for the zeale he had to god Bacchus and al good fellows, offered by to him that renowned ruffler the knaue of Clubs, with a box of trim trillilles, commonly called the dice: the one to aide him in a needeles combat, the other after his losse, to serue him in stead of recreation.

The 15. was one Maudlen Moonface, a mery gentlewoman of Dublin, a citie in Ireland: with her she brought a glasse ful, nose high of Aquauita, the operation where of is no lesse monstrous than m. rueilous, for being drunke in a morning it so warmeth the heart, as if the body were in a bath, whose inward heats whē they begin to bud forth, transfoyme themselves into golbery grapes to be seene most plainly as vnder a bizard of glistering glasse.

The 16. was a pleasant Parthian of the statelŷ cittie Catompylon, called Loblurchall; this youth was a seate fellow, and a fine faulknor, with him he caried a water Wagtaile, readie to flie at the fairest goole in Winchester: which present god Bacchus accepted very gratefully.

The 17. was bozne in India, at a faire citie called Tyndis, this forsooth was a coy dame, called Cate Crashpot, she came clinking a quart pot for sweete musicke, in stead of the tabret, to which manner of melodie god Bacchus listned exceedingly.

The 18. was one Baudwin Barrelbely from Ormusa, a place sufficiently knowne in the ile of Cyprusse, with him he brought a strkin full of wine of Basterdes: assuring god Bacchus on his fidelitie, that so many as he made thereof partakers with him, as long as they applied themselves to the hartie carouse, should neuer be daunted by death and faile footing.

The 19. came from Garma in AEthiopia, called Goody Goodale: shee (in token of pure deuotion) deliuered to Bacchus a sack full of groute, and a sack full of hops, standing stoutly in this opinion, that the hartly broath about all other did beare away th bell, and that neither grape nor berry might in any respect be compared to the maiestie of the mault.

The 20. was a worthish peoman, one Tom Talspot, he came from Friburgum an Heluetian, he as willing to pleasure himselfe, as to honour his god, presented to Bacchus, a dainty drussed compound, of sundry simples pastiewise, as the trimming of tripes, the fat of chie,

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chitterlings, and the marrow of sweet sause, lapt vp altogether within the crusty walls of paste royall, in so much that a world of belly cheere was contained therein, which god Bacchus receaued with so great thanks, that he promised to honour the eating thereof, with the best increments of his ouer-flowing tunne.

When these had ended their deuotion, they were placed all in order, and bled as most welcome guests: kisse was Bacchus in vndering his bounty, and the rest of the seruitors no lesse diligent, so that no man wanted his wish, nor deprived of his will.

Scarce had they tyled gyzum wise, as commonly the sect of the Surratims vse to doe, as only of ttriall to wet their whistles: but in comes Barlycap, a mery musician, ready with cap and knee to giue them a song: which proffer god Bacchus accepted gladly; whereupon Barlycap tempered by his fiddle, & begā as followeth.

T He Gods of loue	Be mery all
Which raigne aboue	Both great and small
Maintaine this feast:	Be mery here,
Let Bacchus find	And with your liquor
Their hearts most kind	Sweetly bicker,
To euery guest.	Doe not feare. (dry,
And long may Bacchus braue it here	Wash wel your throates which now are
in pleasures to abound,	and spare not you for cost,
That wine & beere, & belly gut cheere,	I tell you true, no shot is due
with plenty here be found.	where Bacchus rules the roost.
I pray likewise,	Sadnes and grieve
That ere you rise	Bring no reliefe,
You drink your fill,	Bid them adiew:
That no man want	In paine none pine
Nor finde it skant	Which loue strong wine
Whereof to swill.	I tell you true.
Then may you all carouse in blisse,	Then learne to lasse, carouse & quasse,
and bid farewell to woe,	and spare not while you may.
Who liues in this, he cannot misse	Hey dery dery, my masters be mery,
but straight to heauen goe.	and looke for a ioyfull day.

This song thus ended, the whole hall for top did ring out a loud lassing peale, and thanked the fidler for his mirth. Bacchus made him drinke, Silenus bad him not spare, so Barlycap did drinke till his eyes did stare.

Thus euery man falls to his taske, and bee happie that is able:

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to stand stoutly in the forefront, to giue the bravest onset.

Whiles thus they tipled, the stoler he stoled, and the pots danced for joy the old hop about, commonly called Sellengars round: every man set to his foot, there was not whip snatch and away, but plaine rack and manger, where every one drank himselfe out of danger: cups and cans went clip clap, the guests were all welcome, their tongues ran at randome, sir Prattle kept a wangling, and dame Tattle a great tangling, each one was mery, & no man wanted words to solace his next neighbour: to be blyse, heauen was here, and hell where they were not, yea who but the guests of god Bacchus.

Amids these only pleasures, and toys incomparable, Iupiter sends downe Mercury to make them pleasant: a Venus the queene of loue, sent also her son Cupid to creep in amongst the for kindness, and to lead them along blindfold vnto lust & loathsome self-liking.

Then Pluto the master diuell of hell seeing fit opportunity and place conuenient, sent amongst the ioyfull guests of this feast, the furies of hell, who with all speed posted to god Bacchus pallace, to exercise their hellish outrage.

Now Cupid lingred not out his time, but did digne his darts amongst the with such force, that some for pure loue wedded them selues to wine: some became sworn brethren to the beere pot, other some matched themselves only to Metheglin, one liked this, another that, all was wonderfull to behold.

Bawdwin Barrelbelly was greatly grieved with loue gripes, especially through the desire hee had to goody Goodale the AEthiopian.

Kit Crabface so ardently burned in the loue of Maudlin Mooneface, that well nere he burned himselfe to ashes.

Mercury he cast his eloquence amongst them by horse loades at once, so that large promises with no performance, were as easie to be heard, as small bells in a morrice daunce.

Medusa, Megera and the rest of those furious hags, flie all at once in amongst them, and sets their teeth on edge to practise villanie, one against another: one puls his fellow by the beard without cause; another crackes his next felowes crowne with a quart pot, one flings a glasse in another mans face, another makes a buckler of his

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his hat to saue himselfe befoze, whiles another with a black iack
breakes his head behinde: one cries downe with him, downe with
him, not able of himselfe to kill a louse, another lies lurking vn-
der the table altogether speechles.

Here Dauid Drithroat gathered by his teeth, which Pierse
Spendall the Frier had lately strooke out, because Dauid like an
vnmannerly knaue, presumed to pisse in the holy water pot.

There Gotfrey Grouthead begins to fume, and someth at the
mouth like a sauage boze, hee falls at variance with mistris Meri-
godowne, and hales her along by the haire of the harad: in so much
that (thou knaue) was as common amongst them as cartway, or
probo in the schooles: and (thou whoze) as vsuall a terme, as bait
bary in the mouth of a carter.

While thus they lay on heapes, one on the neck of another,
some spurning others to their heeles, some scratching their heads
where they itched not, some sprauling vnderneath most glad to
rise vp againe, some wiping the blood away from their faces: some
rubbing their shinnes which they burst on the frames: some gaping
for winde, almost choked with flies, while these, I say, did lie in
this so great disorder, the gods aboue were constrained to winke
at their follies, and the diuels below reioyced at the viewe of this
our mortall wretchednes.

Thus Bacchus arose, with the rest of his Barons, and dismis-
sed euery man very bountifullly: who after long stumbling, at the
last returned from whence they came. And Bacchus himselfe reti-
red to Archadie, where at this day, for his singular liberali-
tie, & bounteous behaviour towarde all inhabitants
trauellers & passengers, he is of power to make
a greater companie of able men then
any man of his degree.

Es largas epulas & bona vina dedis.

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